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For: Removal of Embedding Media from  
Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning  
On Automated Staining Instruments

Examiner: Yelena G. Gakh

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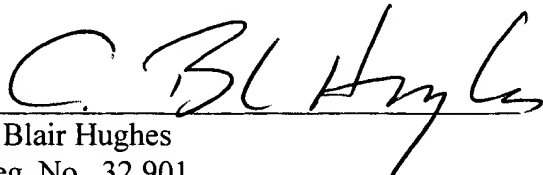
Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application:

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**AMENDMENT TO PRIORITY CLAIM**

Dear Sir:

This is an amendment to the priority claim of the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Priority Claim** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

## **PRIORITY CLAIM AMENDMENT:**

Please amend the priority claim at page 1, lines 6-13 of the specification as follows:

This application claims the benefit of priority from International Application No. PCT/US99/20353, filed Sep. 3, 1999, which was published on Mar. 16, 2000 as WO 00/14507. International Application No. PCT/US99/20353, in turn, claimed the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/099,018, filed Sep. 3, 1998; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/259,240, filed Feb. 26, 1999; and International Application No. PCT/US99/04181, filed Feb. 26, 1999, which was published on Sep. 2, 1999 as WO 99/44030, which in turn claims benefit to the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/076,180 filed on February 27, 1998. All of the patent applications mentioned herein are hereby incorporated by reference. This application further claims priority to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/614,401, filed on July 12, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/259,240, filed on February 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,296,809, which claims benefit to the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/076,180 filed on February 27, 1998.